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3. . . . the chief of the Iron Guard in the French capital is the priest, Vasile BOLDEANU, who has displayed great cleverness and has succeeded in making himself known not only in France, but also in London and the Rumanian milieux of the United States. He has always maintained relations and had conferences with chiefs of the other parties, with Gen. Nicolae RADESCU, and even with the French anti-Communists. . .

6. . . . On the Church question, the National Peasant Party has sustained the position of the Iron Guard, while the Liberal Party has opposed it. The affair is more curious still with relation to the Union of Gen. RADESCU. Here, some have taken a violent stand against the Iron Guard. . . (others) are on the side of the Iron Guard.

10. Besides the members of the Iron Guard in Argentina, there are many Rumanians who do not take part in politics. It is believed that many of these will be absorbed into the organization because of its appeal as a strong, well-disciplined body. Thus, in order to counterbalance the activity of the Iron Guard, Gen. RADESCU has reportedly decided to send his secretary, Remus TETU, to Argentina.

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14. Between the Iron Guard and Gen. RADESCU, some good relations have always existed. He approves its taking part in the National Committee. The Iron Guard has proposed two persons as representatives, Prof. Ioan PROTOPOPESCU and Mihail STURZA, former Minister of Foreign Affairs at Bucharest and Vienna. The General himself is of accord with this, but says that the Americans oppose it. BOLDEANU replies to the effect that the Allies should not mix in Rumanian internal politics. The General has agreed that the priest be secretary-general of the future National Committee. The General, furthermore, has always shown his sympathy and given his support to the Iron Guard. For example, he contributed large sums for the Church canteens.

15. But Gen. RADESCU gives the impression of being a prisoner of his own "impotence." Not having a party of his own, he has tried to break up the existing ones. He has succeeded in destroying the Liberal Party and lately has commenced to annihilate the National Peasants. He has accepted into his group all those who have asked inscription. Now, he lacks the power to direct them.

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